

continues to dedicate his time and talents to St. Anne's as an Honorary Board Member, so that the center can continue to benefit from his leadership and commitment. Above all, he is committed to his family that includes Patricia, his wife of 43 years, his son Bill, Jr., his daughter Amy, his son-and-daughter-in-law and nine grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to pay tribute to Bill Reilley for his contributions to the Fourth Congressional District. Mr. Bill Reilley has acquired a lifetime record of accomplishment and contributed much to his community, State and Nation.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. DENNY REHBERG

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 9, 2010*

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 75, 76, and 77, I was unavoidably detained from voting due to flight complications from Montana to Washington, DC. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 75, "nay" on rollcall 76, and "yea" on rollcall 77.

#### HONORING ALCALDE NIELS CHEW

### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 9, 2010*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleague Representative LYNN WOOLSEY, to honor Alcalde Niels Chew, who was bestowed the title of honorary mayor of the City of Sonoma because of his commitment to his community and its citizens. The naming of an Alcalde, which means "magistrate" or "mayor" in Spanish, is a tradition that began in 1975 as a way to acknowledge the citizen of the year.

Niels is best known for his generosity, humility and his unwavering dedication to the causes he believes in, which is why he was selected from a long list of candidates. According to Niels, his father is responsible for instilling in him the value of service.

"During the Depression, no one in need ever came to our house and left empty handed," he said.

Niels embraces quite a history of community service to the City of Sonoma, dating back to 1984 when he and his wife Susan first moved to Sonoma. Since then, Niels has graciously shared his warehouse with many area nonprofits who have stored their food and clothing donations in his facility.

As owner of Dowling Miner Magnets until 2004, he provided opportunities to Becoming Independent to train and support people with developmental disabilities.

Currently, Niels serves on the board of the Sonoma Valley Hospital Foundation, Operation Youth, and the Sonoma Overnight Shelter. He was formerly the president of Kiwanis of Sonoma Plaza and trustee of the Sonoma Valley Unified School District.

One of his most notable and impactful service endeavors has been his continuous support of the Sonoma Valley Mentoring Alliance

as a dedicated mentor and founding board member. He is even credited with starting the organization because he added the organization's executive director to his payroll at Dowling Magnets so she could kick-off the mentoring program.

As a result of his initial investment, what began as a 10 hour weekly commitment at Flowery School blossomed into an organization that has been successfully connecting caring adults with at-risk students for more than 12 years.

"He has a heart the size of a continent, especially where kids are concerned," said Ms. Kathy Witkowitz, Executive Director of the Mentoring Alliance. "We could never put a value on all that he has contributed to the Mentoring Alliance over the years, because it's priceless."

Madam Speaker, Niels Chew's commitment to service is a powerful example of the positive difference one person can make. We are thankful for the charitable contributions made by this humble and thoughtful leader and philanthropist and we wish him continued prosperity as he spends time with his children and grandchildren.

#### COURTNEY DARR

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 9, 2010*

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Courtney Darr. Courtney is a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of the USA and earning the high honor of the Gold Award.

Courtney's outstanding achievement reflects her hard work and dedication. Courtney has exhibited unique and creative examples of service that have made a difference in her community. I am confident that she will continue to hold herself to the highest standards in the future. This is an accomplishment for which Courtney can take pride in for the rest of her life.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Courtney Darr for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of the USA and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS. HERTA ADLER

### HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 9, 2010*

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mrs. Herta Adler, known to Memphians as the "matriarch of the local Jewish community." She was born to Mr. and Mrs. Adolf and Mathilde Arfeld on September 27, 1915 in Diez, Germany.

Mrs. Adler was 24 when she witnessed the burning of her synagogue on Kristallnacht, or Night of Broken Glass. On this night, dozens of Jews were killed and sent to concentration camps, including many of Mrs. Adler's friends

and family. In 1948, Mrs. Adler was able to move to Lisbon, Portugal where her brother was in business, because the government granted residency to family members of established residents.

From Portugal, Mrs. Adler made her way to New York City, where she met her husband, Dr. Justin H. Adler. They married in 1943 and relocated to Memphis not long after. The two were known as avid collectors of art and Judaica. Mrs. Adler, in particular, was known as a philanthropist who supported all kinds of artistic and cultural organizations, reminding others that "charity is the fist that we give for having a good life." In the early 1990s, the Adlers donated a large collection of Jewish ritual art to Temple Israel, which is located in Memphis, TN, helping to create the only Judaica museum in the region. In 1992, the Adlers also contributed their extensive pewter collection, which spans 400 years, to Dixon Gallery and Gardens where it is part of the permanent collection.

In addition to her passion and appreciation for art, Mrs. Adler was known for her interest in the people around her. She befriended and supported several young Memphis artists and centered much of her life on Temple Israel, where she was a member for more than 60 years. Mrs. Adler and her husband were also founders of Beth Shalom Synagogue, a Conservative Synagogue in the Memphis region.

Mrs. Herta Adler passed away on Friday, February 12, 2010 and was laid to rest on Monday, February 15, 2010. She was 94 years old. She is survived by her daughters Hedda A. Schwartz, a residential and commercial real estate executive, Susan Adler Thorp, a respected journalist, and her son Michael Adler, an accomplished attorney—all of Memphis. I will always remember Mrs. Adler for her devotion to shaping the cultural and Jewish life of Memphis, Tennessee.

#### CENSUS AWARENESS MONTH

SPEECH OF

### HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 3, 2010*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as an original cosponsor of H. Res. 1096, which encourages all individuals in the United States to participate in the 2010 Census and expresses support for the designation of March 2010 as Census Awareness Month. This important legislation will help achieve an accurate count of the United States population and ensure that communities across the country have the schools, infrastructure, and other vital resources they need to thrive.

I thank Chairman TOWNS for his leadership in bringing this bill to the floor. I would also like to thank the author of this legislation, Congressman REYES, who has taken the time to increase public awareness on this crucial issue.

Mr. Speaker, an accurate count of all individuals living in the United States, as required by the Constitution, is critical to ensure the well-being of cities and communities throughout the country. The Census helps guarantee the accurate and fair composition of voting districts at the Federal, State, and local levels and the proper allocation of Federal resources